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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2008, setting forth a final rejection of the claims of this application, the Applicants requests that the rejection be reconsidered in view of the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.